**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE**
**62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:**     Chair Ryan Zinke, on April 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

<u>**ROLL CALL**</u>

**Members Present:**

      Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)
      Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
      Sen. Gary Branae (D)
      Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
      Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
      Sen. Tom Facey (D)
      Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
      Sen. Bob Lake (R)
      Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
      Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:**

None

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**  Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
               Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:**  These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee.  The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

 Hearing & Date Posted:     SB 425, 4/5/2011

## HEARING ON SB 425

### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:58    Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 425, Revise education funding to add element for remote high schools.

### Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:23    Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

### Opponents' Testimony:

None

### Informational Testimony:

00:15:06    Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:26    Sen. Brown
00:16:16    Sen. Essmann
00:17:30    Sen. Brown
00:18:17    Bob Vogel, MTSBA; MREA
00:20:31    Sen. Brown
00:20:43    Sen. Facey
00:22:10    Sen. Hawks
00:23:13    Sen. Essmann
00:24:39    Sen. Ripley
00:25:24    Sen. Essmann
00:26:36    Chairman Zinke
00:28:21    Sen. Essmann

### Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:16    Sen. Essmann

00:30:56    Chairman Zinke

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:  5:53 P.M.


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Gilda Clancy, Secretary


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Additional Documents:

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